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SUBJ: RAFI RAZA REPLACES J.A. RAHIM IN CABINET

REF: ISLAMABAD 6362

1. SENATOR RAFI RAZA WAS SWORN IN JULY 3 AS MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, REPLACING DISMISSED MINISTER J.A. RAHIM. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING LATTER'S DISMISSAL EXPANDED SLIGHTLY ON EARLIER STATEMENT BY DECLARING THAT REMOVAL "WAS DUE NOT TO ANY POLITICL OR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BUT TO RECENT BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF MR. RAHIM WHICH WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DIGNITY OF HIS OFFICE AND THE DISCIPLINE OF GOVERNMENT". NO DETAILS WERE PROVIDED.

2. SPECULATION IS WIDESPREAD AS TO WHAT CONSTITUED BEHAVIOUR THAT LED TO RAHIM'S DISMISSAL. ONE STORY MAKING THE ROUNDS IS THAT RAHIM (ALTHOUGH NOT HIMSELF AN AHMAKIYA) CHARGED ADMINISTRATION WITH BEING TOO GENTLE ON ANTI-AHMADIYA AGITATORS AND NOT ADEQUATELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTECTING AHMADIYA COMMUNITY, ENDING UP WITH ANGRY

ACCUSATION THAT BHUTTO HAD DELIBERATELY ENGINEERED RABWAH INCIDENT WHICH PRECIPITATED RECENT AGITATION. VERACITY OF THIS STORY UNCERTAIN, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD FIT IN WITH RAHIM'S KNOWN SECULAR TENDENCIES AND SHARP TEMPER. (VARIATION OF THIS ACCOUNT HAS BHUTTO CALLING CABINET MEETING AND THEN ARRIVING NINETY MINUTES LATE, WITH RAHIM DEPARTING ANGRILY BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL AFTER FILLING INTERVENING PERIOD WITH BITTER REMARKS ABOUT BHUTTO AND HIS AHMADIYA POLICY, WHICH OTHER MINISTERS PROMPTLY REPORTED TO BHUTTO WHEN HE ARRIVED.)

3. RAHIM'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN BUT HE IS RUMORED TO BE EITHER UNDER DETENTION OR IN HOSPITAL. NEIGHBORS AT HIS ISLAMABAD RESIDENCE ASSERT POLICE CAME TO RESIDENCE NIGHT OF JULY 2 AND TOOK HIM AWAY. ACCORDING TO SOME ACCOUNTS, RAHIM WAS ARMED AND FIRED AT POLICE, WOUNDING ONE, BEFORE HE WAS REMOVED. BYROADE

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